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ABSTRACT

This document presents the preliminary study reporting transfer rates from the City College of San Francisco (CCSF) to both in-state and out-of-state community colleges and baccalaureate institutions. The data are based on a match between the social security numbers of community college students enrolled in California community colleges with the social security numbers in the National Student Loan Clearinghouse database. The study tracked all first-time students at CCSF by cohort according to their year of enrollment at the college. The following findings were reported: 29 percent of the 1993 cohort transferred to baccalaureate institutions, but this figure decreased to 27 percent for the 1994 cohort, and to 20 percent for the 1995 cohort. The study states that the decline in transfer percentage may be due to the shorter amount of tracking time for the later cohorts. During the period of spring 1994 to spring 1999, 307 students transferred to out-of-state baccalaureate institutions, while 5,058 students transferred to CSU, 1,161 to the University of California and 436 to independent institutions. From the 1993, 1994, and 1995 cohorts, a significant number of students transferred to another community college, including 1,800 students transferring to other community colleges, and 144 transferring to out-of-state community colleges. (KS)

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CITY COLLEGE OF SAN FRANCISCO
STUDENT TRANSFERS TO PUBLIC AND PRIVATE COLLEGES IN CALIFORNIA AND OUT-OF-STATE

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City College of San Francisco has received data on student transfers to both in-state and out-of-state schools. This is the first time that we have been able to access data like this and therefore, **it must be considered preliminary**. The data comes from the State Chancellor's Office of the California Community Colleges. It is based on a match of social security numbers of community college students enrolled in California community colleges with the SSNs in the National Student Loan Clearinghouse, which has a student database of approximately 70% of the all the postsecondary institutions in the United States.

All first time credit students at CCSF are tracked by cohort according to the year they enrolled in CCSF. The cohorts do not indicate CCSF students who return to CCSF nor do they indicate if the student achieved a degree or certificate at CCSF. They merely indicate that the student enrolled at CCSF in 1993, 1994 or 1995, and then transferred to another institution—community college or baccalaureate institution—sometime after enrollment at CCSF.

The following pages summarize the data in a number of different ways:

1. By cohort year, state, region and type of institution (community college vs. baccalaureate)
2. Totals by state and region and cohort year

There are a number of preliminary findings that can be derived from this data:

1. CCSF students transferred to institutions in 42 states and the District of Columbia;

2. CCSF's transfer rate for first time credit students transferring to all baccalaureate institutions (in-state and out-of-state, private and public) is well above the national average[1]. For the 1993 cohort, 29% transferred to baccalaureate institutions; for 1994, 27% transferred; and for 1995 it was 20%. (Note that the decline in transfer percentage may be due to the shorter amount of tracking time for the later cohorts).

3. The greatest number of students transfers to baccalaureate institutions within the state of California. During the period Spring1994 to Spring 1999, 307 students transferred to out-of-state baccalaureate institutions, while 6,655 students transferred to CSU (5,058), UC (1,161) or independents (436). (The State Chancellor's Office has yet to compare the totals from the NSLC match with the California Post-secondary Commission's data on student transfers to CSU and UC; the comparison will be made in the near future).

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4. From the 1993, 1994 and 1995 cohorts, a significant number of students leave CCSF and transfer to another community college. Over 1,800 students transferred to other California community colleges, and 144 transferred to out-of-state community colleges.

5. A significant number of students from these three cohort years migrated to neighboring community college districts, namely to Skyline (467), College of San Mateo (341), Laney (198), Foothill (114), DeAnza (87), and College of Alameda (81).
6. Most of the in-state transfers for the period from 1993/4/5 through 1999 are situated in the northern part of the state: SFSU (3,964), CSU-SJ (512), CSU-Hayward (145), CSU-Sacramento (62), UC-B (591), UC-Davis (382), UC-Santa Cruz (64).

7. Heald College was also a popular destination for many CCSF students in the 1993 through 1995 cohorts. Over 270 transferred to one of the Heald schools, making Heald the largest proprietary school receiving CCSF transfers.

SUMMARY TOTALS
First Time CCSF Transferring Credit Students
By State and Cohort Year

NORTHWEST	1993		1994		1995		TOTALS	
	CCs	4 Yr.	CCs	4 Yr.	CCs	4 Yr.	CCs	4 Yr.
Washington	12	3	8	4	6	5	26	12
Oregon	5	4	4	3	5	6	14	13
Utah	0	4	0	5	0	2	0	11
Nevada	1	3	0	3	1	4	2	10
Colorado	1	2	5	2	0	2	6	6
Montana	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
Alaska	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	4
Arizona	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Idaho	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
Total Region	**19**	**19**	**17**	**21**	**12**	**21**	**48**	**61**

Source: State Chancellor's Office, Student-Right-To-Know Division, 1999

MIDWEST	1993		1994		1995		TOTALS	
	CCs	4 Yr.	CCs	4 Yr.	CCs	4 Yr.	CCs	4 Yr.
Wisconsin	1	7	1	4	0	7	2	18
Minnesota	4	5	2	2	1	3	7	10
Illinois	6	5	2	1	1	2	9	8
Kansas	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Nebraska	0	2	0	1	0	2	0	5
Ohio	1	7	0	3	1	5	2	15
Iowa	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	3
Michigan	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	3
Indiana	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4
North Dakota	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Total Region	**13**	**28**	**6**	**16**	**3**	**23**	**22**	**67**

Source: State Chancellor's Office, Student-Right-To-Know Division, 1999

MIDATLNE	1993		1994		1995		TOTALS	
	CCs	4 Yr.	CCs	4 Yr.	CCs	4 Yr.	CCs	4 Yr.
New York	10	20	10	20	10	15	30	55
Pennsylvania	2	3	3	3	1	7	6	13
New Jersey	1	2	2	0	2	0	5	2
Rhode Island	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
N. Hampshire	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
Mass.	1	6	3	6	0	6	4	18
Delaware	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Conn.	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Total Region	**14**	**33**	**18**	**29**	**13**	**33**	**45**	**95**

Source: State Chancellor's Office, Student-Right-To-Know Division, 1999

SOUTH	1993		1994		1995		TOTALS	
	CCs	4 Yr.	CCs	4 Yr.	CCs	4 Yr.	CCs	4 Yr.
Virginia	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	1
D.C.	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Oklahoma	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	3
Maryland	1	2	1	1	0	1	2	4
Georgia	0	5	0	4	0	5	0	14
Florida	1	3	1	2	3	4	5	9
Texas	3	7	6	9	4	6	13	22
Kentucky	0	4	0	5	0	5	0	14
Alabama	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	3
Louisiana	2	2	1	3	1	2	4	7
S. Carolina	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0
N. Carolina	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1
W. Virginia	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
Tennessee	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	3
Total Region	**7**	**27**	**11**	**27**	**11**	**30**	**29**	**84**

Source: State Chancellor's Office, Student-Right-To-Know Division, 1999

CALIFORNIA	1993/94	1994/95	1995/96	TOTALS
Community Colleges	613	574	644	**1,831**
BA/BS Institutions	147	158	131	**436**
CSU	2,028	1,735	1,295	**5,058**
UC	450	380	331	**1,161**
Heald Business School	110	85	76	**271**

Source: State Chancellor's Office, Student-Right-To-Know Division, 1999

SUMMARY TOTALS
First Time CCSF Transferring Credit Students
1993, 1994, 1995

	1993	1994	1995	3 Year Totals
Total Number in Cohort:	9,428	8,976	9,167	27,571
Transfers to				
California Community Colleges	613	574	644	1,831
Out-of-State Community Colleges	53	52	39	144
Heald Business Schools	110	85	76	271
CSU Campuses	2,028	1,735	1,295	5,058
UC Campuses	450	380	331	1,161
California BA/BS Institutions	147	158	131	436
Out-of-State BA/BS Institutions	107	93	107	307
Total Number of BA/BS Transfers (% of Cohort)	2,732 (29%)	2,366 (26%)	1,864 (20%)	6,962 (25%)
Total Number of All Transfers (% of Cohort)	3,503 (37%)	3,077 (35%)	2,623 (29%)	9,203 (33%)

Source: State Chancellor's Office, Student-Right-To-Know Division, 1999